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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 82-123

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL-COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL-COUNTY FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF RETURNED FOOD STAMP COUPONS

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify procedures relating to the return of food stamp coupons, by recipients, to the county to resolve outstanding claims.

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Administrative Notice 82-72 states that "returned coupon books which are still intact ... should be destroyed rather than being returned to inventory". The sole exception to this directive shall be for those coupons returned through the mail due to nondelivery. These are to be reported each month on the FNS-250 Food Coupon Accountability Report on Line 10., Returned to inventory.

All normail coupons, intact or not, returned by recipients for whatever reason, are to be destroyed and reported on the FNS-471 Coupon Account and Destruction Report in accordance with DSS All-County Letter No. 82-77 dated August 10, 1982.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Mr. Lee Barton at (916) 323-226 or ATSS (8) 473-0269.

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